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(Correspondence of The First Lasce.) Colonial Beach, March 2nd, 1901.

against our neighbors," will gladly listen order of the day. to and repeat with evident satisfaction | Rev. J. K. Gilbert whils

schools, Union Chapel, though undenom- Mr. G. B. Wallace, Commonwealth's Atwho assemble in the forenoon. In the af- legal business. our midst. He is a zealous earnest March 11th. tor. While changing his residence he move to the county in a few days in will still hold these appointments a month | Washington. They will occupy the forme

oung people gaze lovelingly at their Mr. G. purchased about a year ago. The oyster traffic has been very dull newspapers.

A Good Cough Medicine for Children.

"I have no hesitancy in recommending hamberlain's Cough Remedy," says F. Moran, a well known and popular P. Moran, a well known and popular banker, of Petersburg, Va. "We have given it to our children when troubled with bad coughs, also whooping cough, and it has always given perfect satisfaction. It was recommended to me by a druggist as the best cough medicine for children as it contained no opinm or other harmful drug." Sold by M. M. Lewis.

Mrs. R. F. Lunsford, of Roseville, is

CURRENT TOPICS

The cake which graced the bridal feast of the Duke of Westminister and Miss Shelagh Cornwallis West was seven feet

A clever swindler has fleeced a large number of people in some sections of the State by pretending to be an agent for a M. M. Lewis, Druggist. well-known fashion magazine published in Philadelphia. His victims are women, and he represents himself as being sent out by the publishing company's local agents to solicit orders. By offering dreds of orders, forged the local firm's name to receipts, and decamped with the

court, in connection with an arrest for treated as if he were an honest man. alleged money frauds. The prisoner, named Catherine Coombe, aged sixty-six years, described as a house decorator. appeared in the dock in male attire. For forty years Catherine impersonated a man, and worked on board peninsula and Oriental steamers in various capacities, and also for London firms. She says she was married at fifteen, taught school. at M. M. Lewis' drag store. and then thought there were better chances of advancement as a man.

Mrs. C. E. Van Dueson, of Kilburn, Wis., was millieted with stomach trouble but none have done me the good that Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets have." These Tablets are for sale at M. Lewis's drug store.

The Earl of Aberdeen contributes to the current issue of The Outlook a series of pleasant personal reminiscences of Queen Victoria, recalling the circumstances of her visit to the present earl's grandfather in 1857, and relating anecdotes which impress the render with an appreciation of the Queen's simple womanly character. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 287 Fourth Avenue,

ed condition of the stomach and consti-pation of the bowels. A dose or two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tab-lets will correct these disorders and cure the headache. Sold by M. M. Lewis.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucons sur-faces of the system. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Tolede, O. Hall's Family Pills are the best

Insist upon having them, take no others and you will get the best shells that money can buy.

Colonial Beach Defended Religious Other Accident to Rev. Mr. Gilbert-Staffo d Vessel Ice Bound on Maryland Shore - Notes .

STAFFORD

Stafford C. H., Va., Mar. 4, 1901. Mrs. Saillie and Misses Mary Gray, something detrimental to place | Nellie Bryan, and Mr. and Mrs. T. W.

the disgracefully exaggerated occurrences family of Mrs. R. L. Flatford last week bad in every village, and I fraukly admit from a spring wagon, striking on the decharation to which the Democratic

against the most irritating of all things. | Capt. Wesley Knight with his vesse the Five Sisters, has been detained two Those who are interested in charch work here have reason to be encouraged by the interest displayed in the Sabbath a return trip from Washington.

Son, of Alexandria, a lawyer learned in the Convention, I beg to say that no Constitutional law, recently published in the Alexandria Gazette, Art. XII of our the Alexandria Gazette, Art. XII of our exalted and responsible position has a

inational, shows a roll of forty members | torney, paid the C. H. a visit | Friday on

ernoon a school of sixty are convened in | The Messrs. Beach have been giving the Baptist church where the Rev. Mr. | Viatascope exhibitions throughout this Thomas has added his able efforts in section; they have had good audiences, making it a success. We deeply regret | and the exhibition is good. Another one the departure of Rev. Mr. Thomas from | will be given here next Monday evening,

residence near Toluca, of John W. The fine weather of late made the Honey, Esq., now of the Burg, which

roquet grounds in anticipation of the No politics are discussed here yet. All leasant evenings in store for their club. the convention talk seems to be in the Sheriff Warmsley and Hugh Adie, Esq.,

and Edwin Roberson, Esq., paid the Court-house a visit this week on business Sufficient funds having been raised the Howey family, who were likely to be this week for their home in Pennsyl- the polls replied in the affirmative.

Mrs. R. F. Lunsford, of Roseville, is visiting the family of J. K. Bryan, Esq. Scribbler.

Volcanic Eruptions

'Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life. of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; also Old, Running and Fever Sores Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands Chilblains, Best Pile cure on earth Drives out Paines and Aches, Only 2 box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by

The Jury System

Justice David J. Brewer, of the Suprem Court, discussing the jury system before the Yale law school said: "The present jury system is little more than a relie of to which every one of the foregoing propa semi-civilized system. The juror is ositions is obnoxious. treated as acriminal or as if it were feared A remarkable story of male impersonal day and locked up by night. I hope the say that until a new Constitution is tion was revealed in a London police time will come when the juror will be framed and adopted, we live under the

A Powder Mill Explosion

Removes everything in sight; so do drastic mineral pills, but both are mighty dangerous. Don't dynamite the delicate machinery of your body with calomel croton oil or aloes pills, when Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are gentle as a sur mer breeze, do the work perfectly. Cures Headache, Constipation. Only 25 cents

Negro Sues Hotel Keeper.

James A. Summers, a Harrisburg negro has instituted suit against George Barand constipation for a long time. She don, proprietor of the Wellington Hotel, says, "I have tried many preparations in that place, on the ground that Bardon tive halls, and succeed in carrying out

> 200 patents were granted to Virginian during the past year.

FRANK J. CHENRY makes onth that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENRY & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo. County and State aloresuli, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Jazarnh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATABUR CORE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. B., 1886.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Athon. King George C. H., Va.,

Fo THE FIRE LANCE

March 4, 1901.

Notwithstanding the Richmond Time be aspiring to the Governorship. Too takes. much was said about it in the Norfolk Convention and far more too much by the people, who are to be the creators of that Convention, more enlightenment upon the most vital and important ques- our Bill of Rights. tions which have come before them for their consideration since the dark days

of reconstruction. The writer was a member of the Nor folk Convention and that body impliedly. tion and less to candidates for office "the at least, pledged the Democratic party to rejection. It is now urged by many for themselves newspapers and lay-writers that that Convention could not bind the Constitu tional Convention, which will be clothed with absolute powers.

I admit the naked legal proposition out I deny both the logical and mora right of the Constitutional Convention if composed of a majority of Democratsas no doubt it will be-to go behind tha party-those representatives were fresh rom the people-was then and there mmitted.

The power of the Constitutional Con vention to frame a Constitution and de lare it to be the fundamental law of the State without submission to the people will not discuss.

In an able article by Mr. J. M. John present Constitution is discussed, and he right to decline it. I am ready to acreaches the conclusion, which I neither offirm nor deny, that it is the implied luty of the Constitutional Convention o submit its work to the vote of the people. Whether right or wrong in his 'onstitutional views, my opinion is the Democratic party stands pledged to a

I don't believe a motion to call a Constitutional Convention could have bee arried at Norfolk without an implies oromise of submission of the Constitution o the people.

It is well known that the people still ave this question under their control by ett and Sar ord Stevens. Enrollment requiring the necessary pledges of their 23. B. W. Rhonds, Teacher. lelegates.

After the Norfolk Convention the Legis lature, pursuant to Sec. 2, Art. XII of the constitution, submitted to the people the question: "Shall there be a Convention to revise the Constitution and amend come a burden on the county, will leave the same?" The people of the State at

Then the same Legislature was called in extra session to "provide by law for the election of delegates to such Conven tion"-Sec. 2, Art. XII, Constitution of Virginia-and for this only.

Instead of adhering strictly to their constitutional duty, many memberssome of whom are mentioned now as possible delegates to the Conventionendeavored first, to restrict the right to rote for delegates; second, to dictate who should be eligible as members: third, to prohibit the Convention from submitting its action to a vote of the people; fourth, to say who should vote upon the adoption or rejection of the Constitution if it was submitted. The movers and advocates of these several propositions seemed to forget we had any Constitution now at all, and believe

the Legislature to be supreme. They seemed to forget that they were the creatures of our present Constitution,

It is not necessary here to discuss these he would become one. He is watched by Constitutional questions further than to present, and our Legislature, which is its creature, is as much bound by it as the humblest citizen, however potent and august it may conceive itself to be,

Senator McIlwaine, of Petersburg.

voiced the views of every Constitutional lawyer in Virginia when he said the Constitution to be is inchoate, and until adopted we are all bound by the provisions of the present one. This seemed fortunately to put a quietus upon the would-be Constitution makers before they get upon the floor of the Constitutional Convention. If when they get there they evince no more knowledge of Constitutional law than they did in the Legislatheir views, I think it would have been better for the people of Virginia to "bear the ills they have than fly to those they know not of." As a loyal Virginian I believe in obedience to her Constitution as "it is writ" until we get a better one

The Convention has been called to better the condition of the people. First. To relieve them as far as possible from onerous taxation by reduction of both State and county expenses.

Secondly, To consider the question of

Thirdly. To consider the question of public, or, as better understood, free education, in which is involved the application of the public school funds between the white and black population -and many others. These are grave questions-not to be

lightly considered—for the result must

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aking a much greater interest in the befor years, and the people will have to onvention than in any man who may suffer all the ills of the Convention's mis-

If patriotic citizens shall compose the Convention, its work will redound to the A Greene Poet, But Not Green in Years or nonor and welfare of our beloved Virdjourned-unless what was said had ginia, and be worthy of her proud history and traditions. And this work ought to be done in the patriotic spirit | Dear Sir, I beg of The Free Lance of the 5th and 17th paragraphs of Their sentiments in brief to tell,

If not, my prayer is "God save the Commonwealth." If the press would By observation it will be seen pay more attention to the vital questions of reform in our present Constituconsummation so devoutly to be wisha submission of the Constitution as ed" would be reached. Let the press framed to the people for ratification or speak for the people and the candidates. The some are gone, yet some remain, And some I venture here to name.

If this is done the people will know be-If this is done the people will know ob-forehand what is proposed to be done by the Convention, and they will send men to it who will carry out their will.

The home of benevolent Monroe, Who died a hundred years ago, And left the whole of his estate, The white children to educate. by the Convention, and they will send I have written far too much for your

forth my views upon the important questions herein before statedif you will be kind enough to print them. I notice that no one to this date has done so George W. Shearman, of ninety-fiveand all seem to be unwilling. A man without convictions is unfit to epresent our people in the Convention

A man with convictions, who is too cowardly to express them, is equally so, The ignoramus and the coward should both be ignored by the people. To those who so flatteringly called upon me to become a candidate for a seat Mr. Beazley, known as Miller Jin

cept the will of the voters of King George and Stafford voluntarily express-C. H. Ashton.

Rolls of Honor. Meritorious pupils of school No. 7, Courtland District, Spotsylvania county month No. 4: Mary Eastburn, Nettie | Master Dulaney, the son of Fill, Pates, Nora Stevens, George Fillebaum Julian Haislip, Thomas Knox, Clifford Murphy, Jiamie Payne, Aleck Pendleton

Public school No. 3. Rock Hill District. Stafford county, for 5th month, ending March 1st, 1901: Robert Bridwell, Cleve land Cooper, Willie and Alvah English, Elwood and Mitchell Fritter, Lounie, Norman and John Green, Wallace Humphrey, Archie and Harvey Patton, Willie and Robert Robey, Fowler Tarbell, Rosa Davis B. Eddins is the man Who has this mammoth job on hand English, Blanche, Flossie, Eula and Ocie Green, Vivian Humphrey, Sallie, Annie and Lily Patton, Virgie, Clara and Octavia Robey and Georgia Swan, No. enrolled, 34; average attendance, 26.5 Miss Kate Evans, Teacher.

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A man with a thin head of hair is a marked man. But the big! HAIR bald spot is not the

kind of a mark most men like. Too many men in their twenties are bald. This is absurd and all unnecessary. Healthy hair shows man's strength. To build up the hair from

the roots, to prevent and to [cure bald-ness,

It always restores color to faded or gray hair. Notice that word, "always." And it cures dandruff.

\$1.00 a bottle. All druggists. "My business calls me out among strangers a great deal. I would actually feel ashamed avery time I would take off my hall have hair was so thin and the band bus showed so plainly. I began the use of your Hair Vigor less than three months ago. Today I find I have as fine a head of hair as I ever had. I tell everybody what I used, and they say 'It must be a wonderful remedy." GRO. YEARL, Dec. 14, 1808. Chicago, III.

We have a book on The Hair and Scalp which we will send free apon request. If you do not obtain all the benefits you expected from the use of the Vigor, write the Doctor about

GREENE

TO THE PREE LANCE: And speak of other things, as well.

A slip of Orange was christened Greene, Half of which is mountain hills; It's county seat is Stanardsville. This county long has famous been

space, I fear, but will continue to set No railroad scans her virgin soil. No lectric wires, their mystic coil. Has an oil well and copper mines, And soldiers in the Philippines.

> The oldest man in Greene alive— Suffers no fever, aches or pains; And a model Methodist remains. Mr. Bennie Sims, who lately died, Was with good works and deeds alked.

His age was forty years and one; Left wife, two daughters and ason.

At Mt. Vernon, Mr. Jimmie Wood, Whose eighty years of life were good: No man could check the ebbing wave; The Masons laid him in his grave.

Mr. Willis Rucker, of Ruckersville, Who died and left a hidden will, Had gold and silver in cracks cone As examination has revealed.

A change for better soon begins George B. Jennings, another M. D., A blessing to his friends will be— When from illness himself recovers— To alleviate the pains of others.

L. J. Duff has lately risen
From a prostrate spell of rheumatism;
And J. E. Harlow, a misstep made,
And, falling, hurt his shoulder-blade.

In Stanardsville now can be seen The largest store-house in Greene; It's thirty-eight by sixty feet, Four stories high when complete.

And if there's truth in what I say He's a first-class man in every way. This job is now being done
By J. E. Harlow, Bro. & Sons;
And will be when it's shelves are filled,

The wholesale house of Stanardsville The people of Quinque all delight
To meet in prayer on Saturday night
Where hearts and minds of one accord
Invoke the blessings of our Lord.

BIDS INVITED

Bonds of the City of Fredericksburg, Va.

In pursuance of a resolution of the City Council of Fredericksburg adopted at a meeting held on February 21, 1901, the undersigned Finance Committee of said Council invite bids for the purchase of Registered or Coupon Bonds of said city, of the par value of Eighteen Thousand Dollars, bearing date on the first day of April. 1901, and payable thirty years after the date of their issue, and re-deemable at the option of the City Coun-cil at any time after ten years from their late, and to bear interest at a rate not to exced 4 per centum per annum, and non taxable by the city of Fredericksburg payable semi-annually.

The said sealed bids to be in the hands of the chairman of said committee by 12 of the chairman of the

o'clock M., on the 15th Day of March, 1901, when they will be opened. The commit-tee reserves the right to reject any and

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